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SUBJECT: SURVEY OF LIKELY ELECTION IMAGES AND ISSUES

1. THE EMBASSY IS FORWARDING BY AIRGRAM A PAPER SUM-
MARIZING A) THE IMAGES THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES ARE EXPECTED
TO ATTEMPT TO PROJECT DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION CAM-
PAIGN, WHENEVER IT COMES, AND B) THE GENERAL SUBSTANTIVE
ISSUES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO SURFACE DURING THE CAMPAIGN
AND THE RUN-UP TO IT. THE SURVEY ALSO INCLUDES BRIEF
STATEMENTS OF THE POSITIONS OF BOTH PARTIES AND INTER-
PRETATIVE COMMENTS. THIS AIRGRAM MAY BE CONSIDERED THE
FIRST REPORT IN A SERIES WHICH WILL DESCRIBE KEY ASPECTS
OF THE ELECTION RUN-UP, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEGUN, DESPITE
THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHEN CALLAGHAN WILL
DECIDE TO GO TO THE POLLS.

2. ALTHOUGH THE ISSUES WILL BE DELINEATED WITH GREATER
PRECISION AND CLARITY ONCE THE PARTIES HAVE ISSUED THEIR
ELECTION PLATFORMS (MANIFESTOS), THIS AIRGRAM WILL
APPRISE READERS OF THOSE INFERENCES WE HAVE BEEN ABLE
TO DRAW ABOUT THE LIKELY SHAPE OF THE CAMPAIGN AND THOSE
FACTORS WHICH WILL INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME. SPECIALISTS
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